# CITY OF MONTEZUMA, IOWA MUNICIPAL LIGHT AND POWER PLANT

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS

June 30, 2011

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Don Hall	Chairman, Light Plant Trustee	February, 2015
Dean Hubbard	Light Plant Trustee	March, 2013
Doug Ver Meer	Light Plant Trustee	November, 2011
Kevin Kudart	Superintendent	Indefinite
Shanel Fahlenkamp	Trustee Secretary	Indefinite
Victoria Place	Attorney	Indefinite



## **Independent Auditor's Report**

To the Board of Trustees City of Montezuma Municipal Light and Power Plant Montezuma, Iowa

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business type activities and each major fund of the City of Montezuma Municipal Light and Power Plant, a component of the City of Montezuma, Iowa, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2011, which collectively comprise the Utility's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the City of Montezuma Municipal Light and Power Plant's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

As described in Note (1), these financial statements were prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective cash basis financial position of the business type activities and each major fund of the City of Montezuma Municipal Light and Power Plant as of June 30, 2011, and the respective changes in cash basis financial position for the year then ended in conformity with the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Governmental Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 24, 2011, on our consideration of the City of Montezuma Municipal Light and Power Plant's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Management's Discussion and Analysis and Budgetary Comparison Information on pages 5-7 and 17-18 are not required parts of the basic financial statements, but are supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. We did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City of Montezuma Municipal Light and Power Plant's basic financial statements. We previously audited, in accordance with the standards referred to in the second paragraph of this report, the financial statements for the six years ended June 30, 2010 (none of which are presented herein) and expressed unqualified opinions on those financial statements which were presented in conformity with an other comprehensive basis of accounting. Other supplementary information included in Schedules 1 and 2 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Van Maanen, Sietstra & Meyer, PC Certified Public Accountants

Van Mainen, Sietstra & Meyer, PC

August 24, 2011

The City of Montezuma Municipal Light and Power Plant provides this Management's Discussion and Analysis of its financial statements. This narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities is for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011. We encourage readers to consider this information in conjunction with the Utility's financial statements, which follow.

#### 2011 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- o Receipts of the Utility increased 76.2%, or approximately \$3,189,000, from fiscal 2010 to fiscal 2011. This is primarily due to loan proceeds of \$3,820,000 in the current fiscal year. The loan proceeds were used to refinance loans at more favorable rates.
- O Disbursements increased 172.7%, or approximately \$5,109,000 from fiscal 2010 to fiscal 2011. This is due primarily to loan principle and interest payments of \$5,188,103. \$4,000,000 in debt was refinanced at more favorable rates and \$1,000,000 in loans related to the wind turbine project were paid off when it was decided not to proceed with that project at this time.
- The Utility's total cash basis net assets decreased 24.0%, or approximately \$692,939 from June 30, 2010 to June 30, 2011.

#### **USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT**

The annual report consists of a series of financial statements and other information, as follows:

Management's Discussion and Analysis introduces the basic financial statements and provides an analytical overview of the Utility's financial activities.

The Government-wide Financial Statement consists of a Statement of Activities and Net Assets. This statement provides information about the activities of the Utility as a whole and presents an overall view of the Utility's finances.

The Fund Financial Statements tell how proprietary services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements report the Utility's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements by providing information about the most significant funds.

Notes to financial statements provide additional information essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the basic financial statements.

Required Supplementary Information further explains and supports the financial statements with a comparison of the Utility's budget for the year.

Other Supplementary Information provides detailed information about the schedule of indebtedness and revenue note maturities.

#### **Basis of Accounting**

The Utility maintains its financial records on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements and the financial statements of the Utility are prepared on that basis. The cash basis of accounting does not give effect to accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued items. Accordingly, the financial statements do not present financial position and results of operations of the funds in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Therefore, when reviewing the financial information and discussion within this annual report, readers should keep in mind the limitations resulting from the use of the cash basis of accounting.

#### REPORTING THE CITY'S FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Government-wide Financial Statement

One of the most important questions asked about the Utility's finances is, "Is the Utility as a whole better off or worse off as a result of the year's activities?" The Statement of Activities and Net Assets reports information which helps answer this question.

The Statement of Activities and Net Assets presents the Utility's net assets. Over time, increases or decreases in the Utility's net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Utility is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities and Net Assets show business type activities:

Business type activities include electric service. This activity is financed primarily by user charges.

#### Fund Financial Statements

The Utility has only proprietary funds.

Proprietary funds account for the Utility's Enterprise Funds. Enterprise Funds are used to report business type activities. The Utility maintains Enterprise Funds to provide information for the electric system, considered to be a major fund of the Utility.

The required financial statement for proprietary funds is a statement of cash receipts, disbursements and changes in cash balances.

Reconciliations between the government-wide statement and the fund financial statements follow the fund financial statements.

#### **GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

Net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of financial position. The Utility's cash balance decreased from a year ago, from \$2,883,923 to \$2,190,984. The analysis that follows focuses on the changes in cash balances.

Changes in Cash Basis Net Assets o (Expressed in tho	 e Activities	
(	 Year ended J	une 30
	 2011	2010
Receipts:		
Program receipts:		
Charges for service:		
Electric	\$ 3,548	3,171
General receipts:		
Unrestricted interest on investments	6	4
Loan proceeds	3,820	1,000
Other general receipts	1	10
Total receipts	 7,375	4,185
Disbursements:		
Electric	8,068	2,958
Total disbursements	 8,068	2,958
Change in cash basis net assets	(693)	1,227
Cash basis net assets beginning of year	 2,884	1,657
Cash basis net assets end of year	\$ 2,191	2,884

Total business type activities receipts for the fiscal year were \$3.548 million compared to \$3.171 million last year due primarily to \$3,820,000 in loan proceeds. The cash balance decreased by approximately \$693,000 from the prior year primarily due to loan payments in excess of loan proceeds. Total disbursements for the fiscal year increased by 172.7% to a total of \$8.068 million, due primarily to \$5,000,000 in loan payments.

The Montezuma Municipal Light and Power Plant has no governmental activities.

#### INDIVIDUAL MAJOR BUSINESS TYPE FUND ANALYSIS

The Electric Fund cash balance decreased by \$692,939 to \$2,190,984, due primarily to loan payments in excess of loan proceeds.

#### **BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS**

The Utility's budget was set at the beginning of the year with expected receipts at \$3,210,000 and disbursements at \$3,300,000. The budget was amended during the year, adding \$250,000 to disbursements due to the need for major repairs of a transformer.

#### **DEBT ADMINISTRATION**

At June 30, 2011, the Utility had approximately \$3,820,000 in bonds and other long-term debt, compared to approximately \$5,000,000 last year, as shown below.

Outstanding Debt at Year-End (Expressed in Thousands)						
		June 30	),			
		2011	2010			
Revenue notes	\$	3,820	5,000			
Total	\$	3,820	5,000			

#### **ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET AND RATES**

Total revenues and sales for 2011-2012 are expected to be stable to slightly lower. Residential, large Industrial and Public Authority customer usage is down due to energy conservation measures, reduced business hours, no new housing projects, and existing housing being removed or torn down. Large Industrial usage is down mainly due to falling work hours. The Small and Large demand usage remains steady to a little higher. There is increased demand from a couple of small businesses and a moderate increase by one of the larger demand customers. Weather is also a big factor to sales. So far in 2011, we have experienced a somewhat lower average temperature for spring and early summer, and higher than average temperature for late winter.

Collections have been improved due to our involvement with the Offsets Program through the State of Iowa. This has allowed us to collect on delinquent utility bills through the customer's income tax refunds.

We are waiting for the results of a rate study that has been completed on the utility. There is the possibility that the current rates would be restructured, mainly to reduce and change the current fuel adjustment factor to a twelve month block rolled energy adjustment charge.

The following are an update of some of the major electric projects:

- 1)The wind turbine project has been put on hold due to economic conditions. The Energy Center of lowa loan has been returned and all funding for this project has been stopped.
- 2)Funds have been allocated and contracts signed to bring two Cat engines into compliance with the new EPA RICE rulings which will take effect in 2013. We are proceeding with the improvements now, following the recommendations of a consultant hired to do a study for the utility. The study indicated that the cost of the project and availability of the materials could become difficult as the May, 2013 deadline approaches.
- 3)A major extension on the 13.8 KV line has been completed from the north side of town to the center of the business district, and to the new campground on the east end of Diamond Lake.
- 4) The South Sub main transformer has been rewound and reinstalled after it failed in January last year.

We believe that the overall economy in Montezuma will be stable, with no significant increase or decrease.

#### **CONTACTING THE UTILITY'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers and creditors with a general overview of the Utility's finances and to show the Utility's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Don Hall, Chairman of the Trustees, 501 East Main St., Box 314, Montezuma, Iowa 50171.

**Basic Financial Statements** 

Exhibit A

City of Montezuma, Iowa Municipal Light and Power Plant Statement of Activities and Net Assets - Cash Basis As of and for the year ended June 30, 2011

						et (Disburseme I Changes in C	, .	
			Program Receipts		Assets			
	Die	sbursements	Charges for Service	Operating Grants, Contributions and Restricted Interest		usiness Type Activities	Total	
Functions/Programs:	Dis	bursements	Service	Restricted interest		Activities	TOlai	
Business type activities:								
Electric	\$	8,067,608	3,547,958	-		(4,519,650)	(4,519,650)	
Total business type activities	\$	8,067,608	3,547,958		=	(4,519,650)	(4,519,650)	
General Receipts:								
Unrestricted interest on investments						5,400	5,400	
Loan proceeds						3,820,000	3,820,000	
Miscellaneous						1,311	1,311	
Total general receipts and transfers						3,826,711	3,826,711	
Change in cash basis net assets						(692,939)	(692,939)	
Cash basis net assets beginning of year						2,883,923	2,883,923	
Cash basis net assets end of year					\$	2,190,984	2,190,984	
Cash Basis Net Assets:								
Restricted:								
Non-expendable:								
CMMPA required deposit					\$	131,000	131,000	
Expendable:						704 470	704 470	
Debt service/improvements Unrestricted						781,178 1,278,806	781,178 1 278 806	
Onrestricted					_	1,210,000	1,278,806	
Total cash basis net assets					\$	2,190,984	2,190,984	

See notes to financial statements.

Exhibit B

# City of Montezuma, Iowa Municipal Light and Power Plant

Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Balances

**Proprietary Funds** 

As of and for the year ended June 30, 2011

	Ent	erprise Funds
		Electric
Operating receipts: Charges for service Total operating receipts	\$	3,547,958 3,547,958
Operating disbursements:		
Business type activities  Total operating disbursements		2,872,197 2,872,197
Excess of operating receipts over operating disbursements		675,761
Non-operating receipts (disbursements):		
Rental income		1,311
Interest on investments Loan proceeds		5,400 3,820,000
Miscellaneous		(7,308)
Debt service		(5,188,103)
Capital projects		-
Total non-operating disbursements		(1,368,700)
Excess of receipts over disbursements		(692,939)
Net change in cash balances		(692,939)
Cash balances beginning of year		2,883,923
Cash balances end of year	\$	2,190,984
Cash Basis Fund Balances		
Restricted:	\$	781,178
Restricted for debt service/improvements Restricted deposit-CMMPA	Ф	131,000
Unrestricted		1,278,806
Total cash basis fund balances	\$	2,190,984

See notes to financial statements.

# Exhibit C

City of Montezuma, Iowa
Municipal Light and Power Plant
Reconciliation of the Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Balances
To the Statement of Activities and Net Assets
Proprietary Funds
As of and for the year ended June 30, 2011

Total enterprise funds cash balances (Exhibit B)	\$ 2,190,984
Cash basis net assets of business type activities (Exhibit A)	\$ 2,190,984
Net change in cash balances (Exhibit A)	\$ (692,939)
Change in cash balance of busines type activities (Exhibit B)	\$ (692,939)

See notes to financial statements.

# (1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The City of Montezuma Municipal Light and Power Plant is a municipal utility operating in the City of Montezuma, Iowa. The Utility has a board appointed on a non-partisan basis. The Utility provides electric utility for the City's citizens.

#### A. Reporting Entity

For financial reporting purposes, the City of Montezuma Municipal Light and Power Plant has included all funds, organizations, agencies, boards, commissions and authorities. The Utility has considered all potential component units for which it is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the Utility are such that exclusion would cause the Utility's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. These criteria include appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and (1) the ability of the Utility to impose its will on that organization or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on the Utility. The Utility has no component units which meet the Governmental Accounting Standards Board criteria. The Utility is, however, a component unit of the City of Montezuma. The City of Montezuma Municipal Light and Power Plant is legally separate from the City of Montezuma but is financially accountable to the City. The Utility is governed by a three member board appointed by the City Council and the Utility's operating budget is subject to the approval of the City Council. The Utility is includable as a component unit within the City of Montezuma reporting entity.

#### B. Basis of Presentation

Government-wide financial statements - The Statement of Activities and Net Assets reports information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the Utility. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from this statement. Governmental activities, which are supported by tax and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for service.

The Statement of Activities and Net Assets presents the Utility's non-fiduciary assets. Net assets are reported in the following categories/components:

Non-expendable restricted net assets are subject to externally imposed stipulations which require them to be maintained by an outside party on behalf of the Utility.

Expendable restricted net assets result when constraints placed on net asset use are either externally imposed or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

*Unrestricted net assets* consist of net assets not meeting the definition of the preceding categories. Unrestricted net assets often have constraints on resources imposed by management which can be removed or modified.

The Statement of Activities and Net Assets demonstrates the degree to which the direct disbursements of a given function are offset by program receipts. Direct disbursements are those clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program receipts include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function and 2) grants, contributions and interest on investments restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Property tax and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general receipts.

<u>Fund Financial Statements</u> - Separate financial statements are provided for governmental and proprietary funds. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

The Utility reports the following major proprietary funds:

The Enterprise, Electric Fund accounts for the operation and maintenance of the Utility's electric utility system.

# C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The City of Montezuma Municipal Light and Power Plant maintains its financial records on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements and the financial statements of the Light and Power Plant are prepared on that basis. The cash basis of accounting does not give effect to accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued items. Accordingly, the financial statements do not present financial position and results of operations of the funds in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

The only restricted net assets available for current expenses are those built up in the sinking funds which are meant to be used for debt payments. The reserve account and improvement account as described in Note (3) c) and d) are not available for current expenses.

When a disbursement in governmental funds can be paid using either restricted or unrestricted resources, the Utilities policy is generally to first apply the disbursement toward restricted fund balance and then to less-restrictive classifications – committed, assigned and the unassigned fund balances.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating receipts and disbursements from non-operating items. Operating receipts and disbursements generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. All receipts and disbursements not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating receipts and disbursements.

# D. Governmental Cash Basis Fund Balances

In the governmental fund financial statements, cash basis fund balances are classified as follows:

Nonspendable - Amounts which cannot be spent because that are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted – Amounts restricted to specific purposes when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, or state or federal laws or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Assigned – Amounts the Board of Trustees intends to use for specific purposes.

Unassigned – All amounts not included in other spendable classifications.

#### E. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The budgetary comparison and related disclosures are reported as Required Supplementary Information. During the year ended June 30, 2011, disbursements exceeded the amount budgeted in the business type activities function.

# (2) Cash and Pooled Investments

The Utility's deposits in banks at June 30, 2011 were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or by the State Sinking Fund in accordance with Chapter 12C of the Code of Iowa. This chapter provides for additional assessments against the depositories to insure there will be no loss of public funds.

The Utility is authorized by statute to invest public funds in obligations of the United States government, its agencies and instrumentalities; certificates of deposit or other evidences of deposit at federally insured depository institutions approved by the City Council; prime eligible bankers acceptances; certain high rated commercial paper; perfected repurchase agreements; certain registered open-end management investment companies; certain joint investment trusts; and warrants or improvement certificates of a drainage district.

The Utility had investments in the Iowa Public Agency Investment Trust which are valued at an amortized cost of \$399,157 pursuant to Rule 2a-7 under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

Credit Risk - The Utility's investment in the Iowa Public Agency Investment Trust is unrated.

# (3) Notes Payable

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for revenue notes are as follows:

	Electric Revenue Notes,						
Year ending	Series A 2011						
June 30,	F	Principal	Interest				
2012	\$	315,000	96,707				
2013		320,000	92,757				
2014		325,000	88,918				
2015		330,000	83,717				
2016		335,000	77,283				
2017		340,000	69,578				
2018		350,000	60,907				
2019		360,000	51,458				
2020		370,000	40,297				
2021		380,000	27,718				
2022		395,000	14,417				
Total	\$3	3,820,000	703,757				

#### Revenue Notes

The Utility has pledged future electric customer receipts, net of specified operating disbursements, to repay \$3,820,000 in electric revenue notes issued in February 2011. Proceeds from the notes provided financing for a joint ownership with Mid-American Energy and thirteen other municipalities to construct and operate a coal fired steam electric generating unit in Pottawattamie County, Iowa. The note is payable solely from electric customer net receipts and is payable through 2022.

Annual principal and interest payments on the notes are expected to require less than 80 percent of net receipts. The total principal and interest remaining to be paid on the notes is \$4,523,757.

The resolutions providing for the issuance of the revenue notes include the following provisions:

- a) The notes will only be redeemed from the future earnings of the enterprise activity and the note holders hold a lien on the future earnings of the funds.
- b) Sufficient monthly transfers shall be made to separate electric revenue note sinking accounts within the Enterprise Funds for the purpose of making the note principal and interest payments when due.
- An electric reserve account of \$461,707 shall be maintained within the Enterprise Funds until the 2011 note has been paid
  in full.
- d) An improvement account is set aside requiring \$2,500 on the first day of each month until \$150,000 is accumulated. The full \$150,000 improvement account has been set aside. This account is restricted for the purpose of paying for any additional improvements, extensions or repairs to the system.

# (4) Pension and Retirement Benefits

The City of Montezuma Municipal Light and Power Plant contributes to the lowa Public Employees Retirement System (IPERS) which is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of Iowa. IPERS provides retirement and death benefits which are established by State statute to plan members and beneficiaries. IPERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The report may be obtained by writing to IPERS, P.O. Box 9117, Des Moines, Iowa, 50306-9117.

Most regular plan members are required to contribute 4.50% of their annual covered salary and the City is required to contribute 6.95% of covered salary. Certain employees in special risk occupations and the City contribute an actuarially determined contribution rate. Contribution requirements are established by state statute. The Utility's contributions to IPERS for the years ended June 30, 2011, 2010 and 2009, were \$16,653, \$16,793, and \$18,798, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

# (5) Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

<u>Plan Description</u> – There is a medical/prescription drug plan which provides benefits for retirees and their spouses. Participants must be age 55 or older at retirement.

The medical/prescription drug benefits are provided through a fully-insured plan. Retirees under age 65 pay the same premium for the medical/prescription drug benefits as active employees.

There were four active employees in the Electric Utility's plan at the year end. The plan has one early retiree.

<u>Funding Policy</u> - The contribution requirements of plan members are established and may be amended by the Utility. The Utility currently finances the retiree benefit plan on a pay-as-you-go basis. The most recent active member monthly premiums are \$499 for single coverage and \$1,255 for family coverage.

The same monthly premiums apply to retirees, which they are required to pay in full. For the year ended June 30, 2011, the Electric Utility contributed \$47,300 and plan members contributed \$0 to the plan.

# (6) Compensated Absences

Utility employees accumulate a limited amount of earned but unused vacation for subsequent use or for payment upon termination, retirement or death. These accumulations are not recognized as disbursements by the City of Montezuma Municipal Light and Power Plant until used or paid. The Utility's approximate liability for earned vacation payments payable to employees at June 30, 2011 is \$13,112. This liability has been computed based on rates in effect at June 30, 2011.

#### (7) Transactions Between the City and the Component Unit

The following are significant transactions between the City of Montezuma and the Montezuma Light and Power Plant:

From City to	From Municipal
Municipal Utility	Utility to City
\$ 26,982	-
26,512	-
3,032	-
26,934	-
62,682	-
3,842	-
-	(48,151)
\$ 149,984	(48,151)
	Municipal Utility \$ 26,982 26,512 3,032 26,934 62,682 3,842

The Municipal Utility's personnel do the meter reading and billing for the electric, water and gas departments. The City then reimburses the Municipal Utility for their share of those costs.

# (8) Related Party Transactions

The Light and Power Plant had business transactions between the Plant and related parties of the Plant totaling \$10,098 during the year ended June 30, 2011.

# (9) Risk Management

The City of Montezuma Municipal Light and Power Plant is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft; damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. These risks are covered by the purchase of commercial insurance. The Utility assumes liability for any deductibles and claims in excess of coverage limitations. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

# (10) Economic Dependency

During the year ended June 30, 2011, the City of Montezuma Municipal Light and Power Plant had one major supplier who provided power to the Utility and amounted to 13.3% of its expenditures. It also had one major customer, whose purchases totaled 26% of the charges for service revenue of the Utility.

# (11) Commitments and Contingencies

On December 6, 2006, the City of Montezuma Municipal Light and Power Plant entered into a prorata investment in the Central Minnesota Municipal Power Agency's CAPX2020 Investment. The total commitment is for \$100,000. As of June 30, 2011, none of this has been paid.

**Required Supplementary Information** 

City of Montezuma, Iowa
Municipal Light and Power Plant
Budgetary Comparison Schedule of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Balances - Budget and Actual (Cash Basis)
Proprietary Funds
Required Supplementary Information
Year ended June 30, 2011

			Budgeted An	nounts	
	Proprietary		Ŭ		Final to Net
	Fı	ınds Actual	Original	Final	Variance
Receipts:					·
Use of money and property	\$	6,711	-	-	6,711
Charges for service		3,547,958	3,210,000	3,210,000	337,958
Total receipts		3,554,669	3,210,000	3,210,000	344,669
Disbursements:					
Business type activities		8,067,608	3,300,000	3,550,000	(4,517,608)
Total disbursements		8,067,608	3,300,000	3,550,000	(4,517,608)
Deficiency of receipts under disbursements		(4,512,939)	(90,000)	(340,000)	(4,172,939)
Other financing sources, net		3,820,000	-	-	3,820,000
Deficiency of receipts and other financing sources under disbursements and other financing uses		(692,939)	(90,000)	(340,000)	(352,939)
Balances beginning of year		2,883,923	(21,887)	(21,887)	2,905,810
Balances end of year	_\$	2,190,984	(111,887)	(361,887)	2,552,871

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

City of Montezuma, Iowa Municipal Light and Power Plant Notes to Required Supplementary Information - Budgetary Reporting June 30, 2011

This budgetary comparison is presented as Required Supplementary Information in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 41 for governments with significant budgetary perspective differences resulting from not being able to present budgetary comparisons for the General Fund and each major Special Revenue Fund.

In accordance with the Code of Iowa, the City Council annually adopts a budget on the cash basis following required public notice and hearing for all funds, except Internal Service Funds and Fiduciary Funds. The annual budget may be amended during the year utilizing similar statutorily prescribed procedures.

Formal and legal budgetary control for the certified budget is based upon nine major classes of disbursements known as functions, not by fund. These nine functions are: public safety, public works, health and social services, culture and recreation, community and economic development, general government, debt service, capital projects, and business type activities. Function disbursements required to be budgeted include disbursements for the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Fund, Capital Projects Funds and the Enterprise Funds. Although the budget document presents function disbursements by fund, the legal level of control is at the aggregated function level, not by fund. During the year, one budget amendment increased budgeted disbursements by \$250,000. The budget amendment is reflected in the final budgeted amounts.

During the year ended June 30, 2011, disbursements exceeded the amounts budgeted in the business type activities function.

Other Supplementary Information

Schedule 1

City of Montezuma, Iowa

Municipal Light and Power Plant
Schedule of Indebtedness
Year ended June 30, 2011

Obligation	Date of Issue	Interest Rates	Amount Originally Issued	Balance Beginning of Year	Issued During Year	Redeemed During Year	Balance End of Year	Interest Paid	Interest Due and Unpaid
Revenue notes:									
Electric	3/1/2004	1.50-4.75%	5,150,000	\$ 4,000,000	-	4,000,000	-	173,852	_
Electric-2010 Series A	6/3/2010	0.00%	500,000	500,000	-	500,000	-	-	-
Electric-2010 Series B	6/3/2010	3%-variable	500,000	500,000	-	500,000	-	14,251	-
Electric-2011 Series A	2/28/2011	1.00-3.65%	3,820,000	-	3,820,000	-	3,820,000	-	32,236
				\$ 5,000,000	3,820,000	5,000,000	3,820,000	188,103	32,236

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

Schedule 2

City of Montezuma, Iowa
Municipal Light and Power Plant
Revenue Note Maturities
June 30, 2011

	Electric Revenue Note		
	Electric Revenue Note		
Year	Issued February 28, 2011		
Ending	Interest		
June 30,	Rate	Amount	
2012	1.00%	315,000	
2013	1.20%	320,000	
2014	1.60%	325,000	
2015	1.95%	330,000	
2016	2.30%	335,000	
2017	2.55%	340,000	
2018	2.70%	350,000	
2019	3.10%	360,000	
2020	3.40%	370,000	
2021	3.50%	380,000	
2022	3.65%	395,000	
		\$ 3,820,000	

See accompanying independent auditor's report.



Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards

To the Board of Trustees City of Montezuma Municipal Light and Power Plant Montezuma, Iowa

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business type activities and each major fund of the City of Montezuma Municipal Light and Power Plant as of and for the year ended June 30, 2011, which collectively comprise the Utility's basic financial statements listed in the table of contents, and have issued our report thereon dated August 24, 2011. Our report expressed unqualified opinions on the financial statements which were prepared in conformity with an other comprehensive basis of accounting. We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

# Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered City of Montezuma Light & Power's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of City of Montezuma Light & Power's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of City of Montezuma Light & Power's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses and, therefore, there can be no assurance all deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses have been identified. However, as described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting we consider to be material weaknesses.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility a material misstatement of City of Montezuma Light & Power's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings as item (A) to be a material weakness.

# **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City of Montezuma Municipal Light and Power Plant's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. However, we noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance or other matters that are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings.

Comments involving statutory and other legal matters about the Utility's operations for the year ended June 30, 2011 are based exclusively on knowledge obtained from procedures performed during our audit of the financial statements of the Utility. Since our audit was based on tests and samples, not all transactions that might have had an impact on the comments were necessarily audited. The comments involving statutory and other legal matters are not intended to constitute legal interpretations of those statutes.

The City of Montezuma Municipal Light and Power Plant's responses to findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings. While we have expressed our conclusions on the Utility's responses, we did not audit the City of Montezuma Municipal Light and Power Plant's responses and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

This report, a public record by law, is intended solely for the information and use of the officials, employees and citizens of the City of Montezuma Municipal Light and Power Plant and other parties to whom the Utility may report and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We would like to acknowledge the many courtesies and assistance extended to us by personnel of the City of Montezuma Municipal Light and Power Plant during the course of our audit. Should you have any questions concerning any of the above matters, we shall be pleased to discuss them with you at your convenience.

Van Maanen, Sietstra & Meyer, PC Certified Public Accountants

Van Mainen, Sietstra & Meyer, PC

August 24, 2011

# Findings Related to the Financial Statements:

#### Internal Control Deficiencies:

(A) <u>Segregation of Duties</u> - One important aspect of the internal control structure is the segregation of duties among employees to prevent an individual employee from handling duties which are incompatible. Due to cross-training for versatility, personnel have access to functions which, from a segregation of duties standpoint, are incompatible.

<u>Recommendation</u> - We realize segregation of duties is difficult with a limited number of office employees. However, the Utility should review its control procedures to obtain the maximum internal control possible under the circumstances. The Utility should segregate duties to the extent possible with existing personnel and continue to utilize administrative personnel to provide additional control through review of financial transactions and reports.

Response - We will consider this.

Conclusion - Response acknowledged.

#### Instances of Non-compliance:

No matters were noted.

## Other Findings Related to Required Statutory Reporting:

(1) <u>Certified Budget</u> - Disbursements during the year ended June 30, 2011 exceeded the budget in the business type activities function. Chapter 384.20 of the Code of lowa states, in part, Public monies may not be expended or encumbered under an annual or continuing appropriation.

<u>Recommendation</u> - The budget should have been amended in accordance with Chapter 384.18 of the Code of lowa before disbursements were allowed to exceed the budget.

Response - The budget will be amended in the future, if applicable.

Conclusion - Response accepted.

- (2) <u>Questionable Disbursements</u> No disbursements were noted that we believe may not meet the requirements of public purpose as defined in an Attorney General's opinion dated April 25, 1979.
- (3) <u>Travel Expense</u> No disbursements of City of Montezuma Municipal Light and Power Plant money for travel expenses of spouses of Utility officials or employees were noted.

(4) <u>Business Transactions</u> - Business transactions between the Utility and Utility officials or employees are detailed as follows:

	Transaction		
Name, Title, and Business Connection	Description		Amount
Jim Hicks, Mayor, Owner of Jim's Heating			
and Air Conditioning	Boiler Repairs	\$	1,372
Kyler Kudart, Plant Superintendent's son,			
Kylers Mowing Service	Mowing		1,330
Doug Ver Meer, Trustee, Owner of			
Vannoy Chevrolet	Repairs		699
Mike Fahlenkamp, father-in-law of Shanel			
Fahlenkamp, Trustee Secretary	On call capacity generation		3,000
	A/C Units & Repairs		3,697
	·	\$	6,697

In accordance with Chapter 362.5(3)(j) of the Code of Iowa, transactions with the Mayor, the Superintendent's son and Trustee do not appear to represent conflicts of interest since total transactions with the individuals were less than \$1,500 during the fiscal year. Transactions with the father-in-law of the Trustee Secretary appear to be a conflict of interest. Legal council should be contacted regarding this item.

<u>Recommendation</u> – The Utility should apply for bids, or receive quotes for purchases before buying from related parties in order to substantiate that these transactions are done in the public's best interest, and in an arm's length transaction. Legal council should be contacted.

Response – We will comply with Chapter 362.5(10) of the Code of lowa in the future. We will also contact legal council.

<u>Conclusion</u> – Response accepted.

- (5) <u>Bond Coverage</u> Surety bond coverage of City officials and employees is in accordance with statutory provisions. The amount of coverage should be reviewed annually to ensure that coverage is adequate for current operations.
- (6) Trustee Minutes No transactions were found that we believe should have been approved in the Board minutes but were not.
- (7) <u>Deposits and Investments</u> No instances of noncompliance with the deposit and investment provisions of Chapter 12B and 12C of the Code of Iowa and the Utility's investment policy were noted.
- (8) Revenue Note The City of Montezuma Municipal Light and Power Plant has established proper accounts as required by the utility revenue note resolution. No instances of non-compliance with the revenue bond resolutions were noted.